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BY AUTHORITY.

A BILL to authorize the Governor to raise a regiment of volunteers, &c.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory as follows:—

Sec. 1. That the Governor of Oregon Territory be, and he is hereby authorized and required, forthwith to issue his proclamation to the people of said Territory, to raise a regiment of riflemen, by volunteer enlistment, not to exceed 500 men; to be subject to the rules and articles of war of the U. S. army, and whose term of service shall expire at the end of ten months, unless sooner discharged by proclamation of the Governor.

2. That said regiment of volunteers shall rendezvous at Oregon City, on the 25th day of December, A. D. 1847, and proceed thence with all possible dispatch to the Walla Walla valley, for the purpose of punishing the Indians, to what tribe or tribes soever they may belong, who may have aided or abetted in the massacre of Dr. Marcus Whitman, his wife, and others, at Waiilatpu; or to be otherwise employed, as the Governor may direct.

3. That the Legislature of Oregon shall appoint one Colonel, one Lieut. Colonel, and one Major, to officer said regiment of volunteers, when raised by the Governor, as provided for in the first section of this bill.— And further, that the Legislature also appoint a Commissary General; whose duty it shall be to keep a regular account of the disbursement of all the funds placed at his disposal, and faithfully perform all other duties pertaining to his office; and who shall also perform the duties of Quarter Master General for the army.

4. Said regiment shall be organized into companies, to consist each of not more than one hundred men, nor less than fifty; and each company shall elect their own officers, viz:—one Captain, one 1st and one 2nd Lieutenants, one Orderly Sergeant, and four Duty Sergeants.

5. That Jesse Applegate, A. L. Lovejoy, and G. L. Curry, be, and are hereby authorized, to negotiate a loan, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act; and that said commissioners be, and are hereby authorized, to pledge the faith of the Territory for the payment of such sum as may be negotiated for by said commissioners, on the most practicable terms, payable within three years from the date of said loan, unless sooner discharged by the Government of the United States.

6. Said loan may be negotiated for gold and silver, or such goods as may be necessary for the use of the army; provided, however, that the holder of such goods be required to deduct from the loan, the value of the goods negotiated for, but remaining in his hands at the cessation of hostilities.

Attest. ROBERT NEWELL, C. W. COOK, Clerk. Speaker. Passed December 9th, 1847. Approved 10th December, 1847. GEO. ABERNETHY.

AN ACT to provide for sending a Messenger to Washington City.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory, That Joseph L. Meek is hereby authorized and appointed a messenger, to proceed with all possible dispatch, by way of California, to Washington City, and lay before the Executive of the United States, such official communications as he may be charged with, by the Executive or Legislative department of the government of Oregon.

2. Said messenger, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take an oath, faithfully to discharge his duties, according to the best of his abilities.

3. Said messenger shall receive, as full compensation for his services, such sum, or sums, as the government of the United States shall think proper to allow.

4. That said messenger be, and he is hereby authorized, to negotiate a loan, not to exceed five hundred dollars, and to pledge the faith of the government for the payment of such amount, as may be negotiated for by said messenger, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

5. And be it further enacted, that the said messenger be required to enter into bond and surety, with the executive of Oregon Territory, in the amount of one thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duty.

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6. This act to take effect, from and after its passage. Attest. ROBERT NEWELL, C. W. COOK, Clerk. Speaker. Approved 20th Dec., 1847. GEO. ABERNETHY.

AN ACT appropriating Five Hundred Dollars, to defray the expenses of J. L. Meek, a Messenger to Washington City.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Oregon Territory, That in addition to the sum of five hundred dollars already appropriated, that five hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of facilitating the departure, and defraying the expenses of J. L. Meek, messenger to the United States.

2. Said J. L. Meek, messenger, is hereby authorized and empowered to pledge the faith of the Oregon Government, for the purpose of procuring a loan, to the amount of five hundred dollars. Provided, that before executing bonds on the part of the Oregon Government, he shall enter into security to the executive, in the amount of one thousand dollars.

3. This bill to take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage. Attest. ROBERT NEWELL, C. W. COOK, Clerk. Speaker. Oregon City, 20th Dec. 1847. Approved. GEO. ABERNETHY.

AN ACT appointing Commissioners to negotiate a loan, &c.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory,

Sec. 1. That A. L. Lovejoy, Hugh Burns, and W. H. Wilson, are hereby appointed a Board of Commissioners, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the former board of commissioners; who shall have all the powers, and be subject to the same restrictions, as defined in the act approved Dec. 10th, A. D. 1847.

2. It shall be the duty of the board of commissioners, to hold all funds negotiated for by them, subject only to the draft, or drafts, of the Commissary General.

3. All bonds executed by the board of commissioners, shall be signed by the Governor, and countersigned by the Secretary of the Territory.

4. Each Commissioner, before entering upon the discharge of his office, shall take an oath, faithfully to demean himself in office, and to render just and true accounts, whenever they are required by the Legislature. And shall furthermore give bond and security to the executive, in the amount of three thousand dollars each, conditional for the faithful performance of his duties; and to pay over all funds negotiated for, and remaining in his hands, whenever required so to do, by the Legislature.

5. Said commissioners shall have power to appoint appraisers, whenever it shall be necessary, to affix the cash value of any article, or articles, which may be accepted by them, for the use of the Government. Such appraisalment, however, shall always be under oath, which may be administered by one of the commissioners.

This act to take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage. Attest. ROBERT NEWELL, C. W. COOK, Clerk. Speaker. Approved, 22nd. December, 1847. GEO. ABERNETHY.

AN ACT defining the duties of Adjutant General. Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory,

Sec. 1. That it shall be the duty of the Adjutant General to keep his office at Oregon City, until otherwise provided by law, or by order of the executive; and shall keep a record of all military officers in the Territory of Oregon, and the date of their commissions; together with a full and complete roll of all officers and men engaged by the war department; their rank, grade, and terms

of service; also to keep a record of all proclamations, and military orders, issued by the Governor, or the Commander in Chief of the militia,—to issue all orders received from the Governor, or Commander in Chief, and keep a record of the same.—To issue forms to all officers required to make returns.—To receive and record all returns of militia officers.

2. It shall be the duty of all persons authorized by law to receive military stores, or funds for obtaining the same; to report to the Adjutant General the kind of funds, or stores, and to whom delivered; and it shall be the duty of the said Adjutant General to record the same. It is also made the duty of the Commissary General, to report to the said Adjutant General the manner he may expend, or dispose, of military funds, and military stores; and it shall be the duty of the said Adjutant General to record the same; and report quarterly the state of the militia, as well as the state of the military stores, to the Governor of Oregon Territory.

3. It shall be the duty of the said Adjutant General, if no statutory provisions exist, to do and transact the duties of said office of Adjutant General, as prescribed by the laws governing the army and office of Adjutant General of the United States, where the same is applicable to Oregon Territory.

4. This act to take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage. Attest. ROBERT NEWELL, C. W. COOK, Clerk. Speaker. Approved 20th Dec., 1847. GEO. ABERNETHY.

A BILL to provide for the pay of volunteers. Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory,—

Sec. 1. That each private, and non-commissioned officer, volunteering in the service of the army, to punish the Indians in the Walla Walla valley, and furnishing his own horse and equipments, shall be entitled to one dollar and fifty cents per day, from the time of his enlistment until he shall be discharged. Provided, that no volunteer shall be allowed pay who shall leave the service, until duly discharged by the proper officer.

2. This act to take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage. Attest. ROBERT NEWELL, C. W. COOK, Clerk. Speaker. Approved 20th Dec., 1847. GEO. ABERNETHY.

AN ACT to prevent the introduction of Firearms among the Indians.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory, That if any person shall barter, sell, give, make, or repair, for any Indian, any kind of firearms, or other munitions of war, he shall be liable, for every such offence shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court; to be recovered by indictment in the circuit court of the county wherein the offence may be committed.

2. This act to take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage. Attest. ROBERT NEWELL, C. W. COOK, Clerk. Speaker. Approved 28th Dec. 1847. GEO. ABERNETHY.

AN ACT amendatory to an Act, entitled an Act to provide for assessing and collecting the revenue, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory,—

Sec. 1. That for the better securing the collection of the Territorial and County revenue, it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of each county in this Territory, and they are hereby appointed, assessors and collectors of the Territorial and county revenue, in each county in this Territory.

2. It shall be the duty of said sheriffs, immediately after visiting the assessment

books from the clerk of the county court, to proceed, as is now provided by law, to assess the taxable property in each county, and to make a return of the same to the Territorial Treasurer, on or before the first Monday in December in each year; the said assessment, however, in all respects as is now provided by law, for assessing taxable property in Oregon Territory.

3. The judges of the county courts of each county, shall hold a court of probate in each county on the first Monday in April in each year, to which court the said assessors shall make return of the assessment, at which time the said court shall examine said assessment, and forthwith certify the same to the Territorial Treasurer, who may, if he shall see proper, may cause the same to be sworn to by the assessors, and the same shall be liable for all debts contracted by said assessors; and said court shall also receive and accept of said assessment.

4. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the county court, within twenty days after the county court shall have made an order accepting the assessment, to deliver to the collector, a true list, in the manner as is now provided by law; and also to forward to the Territorial Treasurer, and Auditor of public accounts, an abstract of the amount of Territorial revenue, which abstract shall be filed with the Territorial Treasurer, and Auditor of public accounts, on or before the first day of September in each year.

5. It shall be the duty of the said clerk of the county court, to make out and file with the county treasurer, an abstract of the aggregate amount of county revenue; which abstract shall be filed with the Territorial Treasurer, within twenty days from the time that the said county court shall make an order accepting the said assessment; and the county treasurer shall forthwith, after receiving said abstract, file the same, and change the said sheriff, as such collector, with the amount of county revenue.

6. It shall be the duty of said sheriff, to proceed, as is now provided by law, to collect said Territorial and county revenue, and make return to the Auditor of public accounts, on or before the first Monday in December in each year; the amount of Territorial revenue by him collected; together with a true, full, and complete list of delinquents, made out and sworn to by said collector; and it shall be the duty of said Auditor of public accounts to deduct from the amount charged against said collector, the amount of delinquencies, and shall also report said amount to the Territorial Treasurer, who shall pay the same to the Auditor of public accounts.

7. It shall be the duty of the collector to proceed to collect the county revenue, and on or before the first Monday in November in each year, make return to the county treasurer the amount of county revenue by him collected; also to make out and file with said treasurer, a true, full, and complete list, and the said treasurer shall forthwith audit and ascertain the amount of county revenue that said collector is liable to pay. And it shall be the duty of said collector to forthwith pay to the said county treasurer the amount found by the said treasurer.

8. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the county court to hold a court of the county court in each county, on the second Monday in November, in each year, for the purpose of settling and adjusting all accounts with the county treasurer, and ascertaining the assets and liabilities of said county; at which time of the court, it shall be the duty of the county treasurer, to make a true, full, and complete return of the county revenue, and revenue, to the court, on the second Monday in November, in each year.

9. It shall be the duty of the Territorial Treasurer, on or before the first day of the annual meeting of the Legislature, to report to the same, the amount of the revenue received by the Territorial Treasurer, and the amount of the county revenue received by the county treasurers.